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## **OPA Daily Digest for 10/18/13**

### **Congressional Inquiries:**

**Sen. Roy Blunt** (Mo.) 10/18/13. Constituent questions about Tier IV Engine guidelines. Due: 10/21/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (closed)

**Sen. Roy Blunt** (Mo.) 9/25/13. Constituent concerns about property that they own considered as an abandoned hazardous waste site. Due: 10/9/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Sen. Claire McCaskill** (Mo.) 9/23/13. Subcontractor complaints of payments not received for work done for lead removal at North County Schools in St. Francois County. Due: 10/9/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Rep. Billy Long** (Mo.) 9/17/13. Subcontractor complaints of payments not received for work done on the Oronogo remediation project. Due: 10/2/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

### **State Government Inquiries:**

None

### **Press Inquiries:**

**Webb City (Mo.) Sentinel** – Bob Foos – 10/17/13: Questions about reports of a contractor stopping work at an EPA Superfund site in the Joplin area because of disputes with suppliers or subcontractors. Contacts: Debbie Kring, 7725; Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

**Kansas City Star** – Linda Cruz – 10/18/13: Questions about monitoring energy use of household appliances. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (closed)

**WDAF Channel 4, Kansas City** – Charly Arnolt – 10/18/13: Questions about Target Stores' announcement that it will rate consumer chemical products for sustainability. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

**KWMU Public Radio, St. Louis** – Veronique LaCapra – 10/19/13: Question about Westlake Landfill Site, Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

**BNA** – Chris Brown – 10/18/13: Questions about settlement with Dyno Nobel Inc in Missouri. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (closed)

**Joplin Globe** – Andy Ostmeier – 10/18/13: Questions about settlement with Dyno Nobel Inc in Missouri. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (closed)

**Carthage Press** – John Hacker – 10/18/13: Questions about settlement with Dyno Nobel Inc in Missouri. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (closed)

### **Environmental Stories:**

**KSDK Ch. 5 St. Louis - EPA: No time frame for radiation tests at West Lake Landfill (+video)** - 10/17/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency says there's no time frame for when it will perform radiation tests at the West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton. <http://www.ksdk.com/news/article/4032273/EPA-No-time-frame-for-radiation-tests-at-West-Lake-Landfill>

**KTVI Ch. 2 St. Louis - Residents learn Bridgeton Landfill had problems in 1990s** - 10/17/13 - About 100 people showed up for a meeting about the Westlake Landfill at the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 513 building in Bridgeton Thursday night. <http://fox2now.com/2013/10/17/residents-learn-bridgeton-landfill-had-problems-in-1990s/>

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Political effort aims to get radioactive waste out of Bridgeton landfill** - 10/17/13 - The West Lake Landfill Community Group and environmental activists launched a stepped-up political campaign Thursday night to try to get radioactive waste in the landfill removed. [http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/political-effort-aims-to-get-radioactive-waste-out-of-bridgeton/article\\_a67818be-b771-5a0f-8afb-f7a5dc547262.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/political-effort-aims-to-get-radioactive-waste-out-of-bridgeton/article_a67818be-b771-5a0f-8afb-f7a5dc547262.html)

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Bridgeton landfill foes seek more political help** - 10/18/13 - Environmental activists and neighbors of a north St. Louis County landfill awaiting a federal clean-up are escalating their efforts to win political support. [http://www.stltoday.com/news/state-and-regional/missouri/bridgeton-landfill-foes-seek-more-political-help/article\\_a9cf97eb-048a-5375-aa3e-7bdf96a59ac3.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/state-and-regional/missouri/bridgeton-landfill-foes-seek-more-political-help/article_a9cf97eb-048a-5375-aa3e-7bdf96a59ac3.html)

**Des Moines Register (blog) - Iowa scientists: Spring floods, summer droughts more likely with global climate change** - 10/18/13 - Global climate change means Iowans can expect more years like 2012, when spring deluges gave way to summer drought, Iowa scientists said today. <http://blogs.desmoinesregister.com/dmr/index.php/2013/10/18/iowa-scientists-no-serious-doubt-that-global-climate-change-is-real/article>

**Des Moines Register - Climate change affecting crops, Iowa scientists say** - 10/18/13 - More than 150 scientists in Iowa have signed on to a report that says extreme weather patterns caused by climate change are affecting farming in the state and updated practices designed to prevent soil erosion are needed to adjust to the new reality. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/viewart/20131018/BUSINESS01/131018013/Climate-change-affecting-crops-Iowa-scientists-say>

**Associated Press - Iowa scientists: climate change affecting farming** - 10/18/13 - Several Iowa scientist are releasing a report on how they believe climate change is affecting farmers. A report "Iowa Climate Statement 2012: Climate Change Threatens Iowa Farms" will be released Friday at Drake University. <http://www.argusleader.com/viewart/20131018/UPDATES/310180032/Iowa-scientists-climate-change-affecting-farming>

**Joplin Globe - Dyno Nobel to pay \$257,167 for alleged pollution, regulatory violations** - 10/18/13 - Dyno Nobel has agreed to pay a \$257,167 penalty to settle pollution and other alleged violations of federal law at its Carthage plant and at another plant in eastern Missouri. <http://www.joplinglobe.com/topstories/x2112899960/Dyno-Nobel-to-pay-257-167-for-alleged-pollution-regulatory-violations>

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Dyno Nobel agrees to fine to settle Missouri violations** - 10/18/13 - Dyno Noble Inc. has agreed to pay more than \$250,000 to settle claims that two of the company's Missouri plants violated the federal laws dealing with the safe storage and handling of hazardous chemicals. [http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/dyno-nobel-agrees-to-fine-to-settle-missouri-violations/article\\_72b468b1-036f-5548-ac52-71d74bba53e2.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/dyno-nobel-agrees-to-fine-to-settle-missouri-violations/article_72b468b1-036f-5548-ac52-71d74bba53e2.html)

**The Kansas City Star - Column: Yoder, Cleaver lament short-term shutdown deal** - 10/18/13 - Congressmen Emanuel Cleaver and Kevin Yoder, like so many other members across the country, are grumbling about the short-term nature of this week's deal that ended the government shutdown and temporarily lifted the debt limit. <http://www.kansascity.com/2013/10/18/4560080/yoder-cleaver-lament-short-term.html>

**Washington Post - Fake crises are distracting us from really serious ones** - 10/17/13 - Congratulations, America, we just passed the "Let's Not Shoot Ourselves and the World in the Kneecap for No Reason Act of 2013," or whatever it's called. The debt ceiling is raised and the government is back open. But the crisis has already done untold damage, and not just in terms of what the shutdown has done to the country. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/plum-line/wp/2013/10/17/fake-crises-are-distracting-us-from-really-serious-ones/>

**St. Louis American (Mo.) - MSD commits to community benefits** - 10/16/13 - The Metropolitan Sewer District Board of Trustees approved a historic agreement on Oct. 10 to ensure job opportunities for local residents in the district's \$4.7 billion reconstruction efforts over the next 20 years. [http://www.stlamerican.com/business/local\\_business/article\\_cddad79a-36b5-11e3-97b5-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.stlamerican.com/business/local_business/article_cddad79a-36b5-11e3-97b5-001a4bcf887a.html)

**Morning Sun, Pittsburg, Kan. - Ethanol change drags corn lower** - 10/14/13 - Among US farmers, corn is king – more acres of corn are planted each year than any other crop. Yet very little of that corn is sweet corn that ends up directly on your plate. Nearly half of all domestic corn use is devoted to creating ethanol. <http://www.morningsun.net/article/20131014/BUSINESS/131019971/0/>

**News Tribune, Jefferson City, Mo. - Co-Op Makes Coal Debate A Local Issue** - 10/11/13 - America's electric cooperatives are working hard to tell their story: Without coal to generate electricity, "every American" will face higher energy prices. Missouri's junior U.S. senator, Roy Blunt, R-Springfield, has been making the same argument for months. So locals decided to bring the debate to the people. <http://www.newstribune.com/news/2013/oct/11/co-op-makes-coal-debate-local-issue/>

**Lincoln Journal-Star (Neb.) - Wind energy gains ground with OPPD purchase** - 10/17/13 - The Omaha Public Power District Board approved an agreement Thursday to buy up to 400 megawatts generated by a proposed wind farm near O'Neill. [http://journalstar.com/news/local/wind-energy-gains-ground-with-oppd-purchase/article\\_66f3d809-e67a-5ca0-8ddc-7474c84aa33e.html](http://journalstar.com/news/local/wind-energy-gains-ground-with-oppd-purchase/article_66f3d809-e67a-5ca0-8ddc-7474c84aa33e.html)

**Lincoln Journal-Star (Neb.) - Flooded Platte River no longer is health risk, authorities say** - 10/11/13 - The Platte River, which carried contaminated floodwaters from Colorado into Nebraska, is no longer a public health risk, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality said Friday. [http://journalstar.com/news/local/flooded-platte-river-no-longer-is-health-risk-authorities-say/article\\_764a807b-7ed1-5f09-9a2d-f0699c3eef35.html](http://journalstar.com/news/local/flooded-platte-river-no-longer-is-health-risk-authorities-say/article_764a807b-7ed1-5f09-9a2d-f0699c3eef35.html)

**Lincoln Journal-Star (Neb.) - NPPD board approves 30-year power plan** - 10/13/13 - The Nebraska Public Power District's Board of Directors on Friday approved an integrated resource plan that will be used to determine the utility's future generation resources over the next 30 years. [http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/nebraska/nppd-board-approves-year-power-plan/article\\_67cd4c41-e641-55fb-b5b1-4ac2c299ffd2.html](http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/nebraska/nppd-board-approves-year-power-plan/article_67cd4c41-e641-55fb-b5b1-4ac2c299ffd2.html)

**Lincoln Journal-Star (Neb.) - EPA's regional haze program costs Nebraska electric utilities millions** - 10/13/13 - Nebraska's three largest electric utilities have spent more than \$70 million to reduce haze and improve visibility in national parks and wilderness areas beyond the state's borders. [http://journalstar.com/news/local/epa-s-regional-haze-program-costs-nebraska-electric-utilities-millions/article\\_e58f217b-c622-57ed-822c-8eed8230344a.html](http://journalstar.com/news/local/epa-s-regional-haze-program-costs-nebraska-electric-utilities-millions/article_e58f217b-c622-57ed-822c-8eed8230344a.html)

**Hays Daily News (Kan.) - Event puts conservation in spotlight** - 10/14/13 - As part of a program to raise awareness about water and energy conservation, Kansas State University's Research and Extension Office hosted an event to educate approximately 300 attendees about how different factors affect their water and energy use. <http://hdnews.net/news/KSUConservationEvent101413>

**Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier (Iowa) - Supervisors agree to borrow money for landfill work** - 10/16/13 - Black Hawk County has agreed to float a \$6 million bond issue to cover landfill construction projects. The money will be used to pay for the construction and closure of landfill cells, surface water control and access road construction. [http://wfcourier.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/supervisors-agree-to-borrow-money-for-landfill-work/article\\_1690a555-04b5-56ab-9b51-453bf7a933b9.html](http://wfcourier.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/supervisors-agree-to-borrow-money-for-landfill-work/article_1690a555-04b5-56ab-9b51-453bf7a933b9.html)

**Kansas City Star - BNSF Railway opens Logistics Park Kansas City** - 10/17/13 - Ten years after BNSF Railway first considered the idea, Logistics Park Kansas City formally opened Thursday, a marriage of trains and trucks that's expected to dramatically improve the region's reputation as a national distribution center. <http://www.kansascity.com/2013/10/17/4559822/bnsf-railway-opens-logistics-park.html>

**Kansas City Business Journal - BNSF CEO: 'Warren Bucks' build freight mode of future** - 10/17/13 - BNSF Railway Co. hosted a grand opening for its new Logistics Park Kansas City Intermodal Facility in Edgerton on Thursday — the day the federal government reopened after its 16-day shutdown by Congress.  
<http://www.bizjournals.com/kansascity/news/2013/10/1>

**Kansas City Star - Crear: Turbine company spurns river for lake dams** - 10/18/13 - A company has dropped plans to sink power-generating turbines in the Mississippi River. Retired Brig. Gen. Robert Crear has told a Vicksburg civic club that Free Flow Power will place the turbines on existing dams, such as recreational lakes maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. <http://www.kansascity.com/2013/10/18/4560415/crear-turbine-company-spurns-river.html>

**Wichita Business Journal - Will the shale oil boom burst?** - 10/18/13 - The shale oil industry has been a big driver of that increased production, but a new debate about the long-term viability of shale oil fields is starting to emerge. <http://www.bizjournals.com/wichita/blog/2013/10/will-the-shale-oil-boom-burst.html>

**Omaha World-Herald - OPPD approves plan to more than double renewable energy sources** - 10/17/13 - The Omaha Public Power District has approved a plan to buy 400 megawatts of wind power from a proposed wind farm near O'Neill, Neb. If all works out, the project would more than double OPPD's portfolio of renewable energy sources.  
<http://www.omaha.com/article/20131017/NEWS/131018808>

**Kansas City Kansan - BPU to sponsor free energy efficiency workshops** - 10/17/13 - The Board of Public Utilities will sponsor two free energy efficiency workshops for the community and customers in November. <http://www.kckansan.com/2013/10/bpu-to-sponsor-free-energy-efficiency.html>

**Associated Press - Mayors seek funds to keep Mississippi River commerce moving** - 10/18/13 - Mayors from Mississippi River cities are calling on Congress to increase funding for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for infrastructure improvements and dredging projects that keep commerce flowing on the important waterway.  
[http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/mayors-seek-funds-to-keep-mississippi-river-commerce-moving/article\\_61fbf1f5-4c35-5136-baff-c13a70ba9274.html](http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/mayors-seek-funds-to-keep-mississippi-river-commerce-moving/article_61fbf1f5-4c35-5136-baff-c13a70ba9274.html)

**Quad-City Times - Volunteers pull ton of junk from riverbanks** - 10/17/13 - Officials in Cedar Rapids say volunteers have managed to remove more than a ton of trash and scrap metal from the banks of the Cedar River in the city. [http://qctimes.com/news/state-and-regional/iowa/volunteers-pull-ton-of-junk-from-riverbanks/article\\_5eb947a8-67c7-5e0b-9f0b-6348d2ef0d1a.html](http://qctimes.com/news/state-and-regional/iowa/volunteers-pull-ton-of-junk-from-riverbanks/article_5eb947a8-67c7-5e0b-9f0b-6348d2ef0d1a.html)

**E&E News PM - Agency to evaluate future of its once-secret watch list of polluters** - 10/17/13 - U.S. EPA will decide by next year whether to continue using a controversial internal watch list to track the most serious polluters. <http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/stories/1059989010/feed>

**Climate Central - What Happened After Congress Passed a Climate Change Law? Very Little** - 10/18/13 - Congress did something unusual last year. It passed a bill that acknowledged that sea levels are rising — i.e., that climate change is happening. <http://www.climatecentral.org/news/what-happened-after-congress-passed-a-climate-change-law-very-little-16615>

**Yale Environment 360 - Animals May Play Significant Role in Carbon Cycling, Researchers Say** - 10/17/13 - Wildlife may play a more important role in the global carbon cycle than researchers have previously given it credit for, according to a study from an international group of scientists.  
[http://e360.yale.edu/digest/animals\\_may\\_play\\_significant\\_role\\_in\\_carbon\\_cycling\\_researchers\\_say/3979/](http://e360.yale.edu/digest/animals_may_play_significant_role_in_carbon_cycling_researchers_say/3979/)

**Chemical & Engineering News - Capturing Carbon Dioxide With A Small pH Change** - 10/17/13 - Researchers are reporting a novel electrochemical method that could capture CO<sub>2</sub> using less energy. The electrochemical device captures 80% of the greenhouse gas from simulated flue gas. <http://cen.acs.org/articles/91/web/2013/10/Capturing-Carbon-Dioxide-Small-pH.html>

**Chemical & Engineering News (Oct. 21 issue) - Regulating CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions** - 10/17/13 - The Supreme Court gave several industries a victory last week when it agreed to review next year part of the Environmental Protection Agency's approach to regulate greenhouse gas emissions. [http://cen.acs.org/articles/91/i42/Regulating-CO<sub>2</sub>-Emissions.html](http://cen.acs.org/articles/91/i42/Regulating-CO2-Emissions.html)

**Chemical & Engineering News (Oct. 21 issue) – Federal Researchers Are Back to Work** - 10/17/13 - Government researchers are returning to their labs, and funders are

restarting frozen grant programs—at least for now—after a 16-day government shutdown and congressional budget impasse that paralyzed most federal science agencies.  
<http://cen.acs.org/articles/91/i42/Federal-Research-Back-Work.html>

**Scientific American - The Government Shutdown Was Temporary, Its Damage to Science Permanent** - 10/17/13 - In many ways the federal government shutdown was a huge, unplanned experiment in what happens when we give up on science for two weeks. Missed opportunities and gaps in data will have consequences for years to come.  
<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=government-shutdown-was-temporary-the-damage-to-science-permanent>

**E&E News PM - Voters missed agency during shutdown -- enviro poll** - 10/17/13 - In what environmentalists are saying should be a warning to congressional Republicans, poll results released today showed that a majority of Americans opposed the loss of U.S. EPA activities during the 16-day government shutdown.  
<http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/stories/1059989019/feed>

**Reuters - Tesoro detected anomalies on North Dakota line before spill** - 10/17/13 - Tesoro Logistics LP detected anomalies during an inspection of its 20-year-old North Dakota pipeline just days before the line ruptured and spilled 20,600 barrels of oil onto farmland, the company said on Thursday. <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/10/17/us-tesoro-spill-northdakota-idUSBRE99G11Q20131017>

**Greenwire - With Biden handing out muffins and McCarthy offering hugs, happy workers return** - 10/17/13 - U.S. EPA chief Gina McCarthy was grinning and jumping up and down outside agency headquarters this morning as she greeted her returning furloughed staff. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059988998/feed>

**Greenwire - U.N. agency dubs air pollution a leading cause of cancer** - 10/17/13 - The World Health Organization's cancer agency today said the planet's air is so contaminated, it merits being classified as carcinogenic to humans. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059988986/feed>

**Greenwire - Report raps retailers for HFC emission rates** - 10/17/13 - American supermarkets and retailers are not doing enough to limit greenhouse gas emissions from their refrigeration and cooling systems despite a pledge to do so, according to a new report from an environmental watchdog. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059988996/feed>

**Reuters - Air pollution a leading cause of cancer - U.N. agency** - 10/17/13 - The air we breathe is laced with cancer-causing substances and is being officially classified as carcinogenic to humans, the World Health Organization's cancer agency said on Thursday. <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/10/17/us-cancer-pollution-idUSBRE99G0BB20131017>

**Greenwire - Microgrids could encroach on utility monopoly** - 10/17/13 - Companies and government entities have begun embracing microgrids, posing a threat to America's 100-plus-year-old utility monopoly. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059988976/feed>

**Fuel Fix (blog) - Pipelines are safer than trains and trucks, report says** - 10/17/13 - When it comes to transporting oil, pipelines are the safest option, trumping trains and trucks, according to a new report from Canada's Fraser Institute. <http://fuelfix.com/blog/2013/10/17/pipelines-safer-than-trains-and-trucks-report-says/>

**BNA - Request That Silica Commenters Disclose Funding Sparks Debate on Transparency, Bias** - 10/17/13 - In a move widely believed to be a first, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration has asked parties who submit comments about the agency's pending silica rule to disclose their financial backers and potential conflicts of interest, teeing up another debate over the proper way to conduct rulemaking. <http://www.bna.com/request-silica-commenters-n17179878313/>

**New York Times - Arizona Utility Tries Storing Solar Energy for Use in the Dark** - 10/17/13 - In a closely watched new solar project called Solana, the energy is gathered in a three-square-mile patch of desert bulldozed flat. A sprawling network of parabolic mirrors focuses the sun's energy on black-painted pipes, which carry the heat to huge tanks of molten salt. When the sun has set, the plant can draw heat back out of the molten salt to continue making steam and electricity.  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/10/18/business/energy-environment/arizona-utility-tries-storing-solar-energy-for-use-in-the-dark.html>

**New York Times - Oil Companies Are Sued for Waste of Natural Gas** - 10/17/13 - Flared gas has nearly tripled in the last two years in North Dakota, producing emissions equivalent to more than two medium-size coal-fired power plants. Mineral rights owners are suing for lost revenue from the flared gas.  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/10/18/business/energy-environment/oil-companies-are-sued-over-natural-gas-flaring-in-north-dakota.html>



**Associated Press - Mineral owners' lawsuits seek damages for burned, wasted gas** - 10/17/13 - North Dakota mineral owners filed 10 lawsuits Wednesday seeking damages from oil drilling companies for natural gas that is lost when it is burned instead of being captured as a byproduct of oil production. <http://fuelfix.com/blog/2013/10/17/mineral-owners-lawsuits-seek-damages-for-burned-wasted-gas/>

**NPR - U.S. Is The World's Largest Producer Of Natural Gas. Here's What That Means** - 10/17/13 - Natural gas production in the U.S. is going through the roof. The U.S. now produces more natural gas than any country on Earth. <http://www.npr.org/blogs/money/2013/10/10/231475085/the-u-s-is-the-worlds-biggest-producer-of-natural-gas-heres-what-that-means>

**International Business Times - Supreme Court's EPA Ruling A Setback For Obama's Climate Action Plan To Reduce Carbon Emissions By 17%?** - 10/16/13 - President Barack Obama's Climate Action Plan to reduce carbon emissions by 17 percent by 2020 had a slight setback Tuesday, as the Supreme Court agreed to review whether EPA can require greenhouse gas emissions permits for refineries and other plants. <http://www.ibtimes.com/supreme-courts-epa-ruling-setback-obamas-climate-action-plan-reduce-carbon-emissions-17-1428542>

**Wall Street Journal - U.S. Steps Up Research on Pipeline Safety** - 10/16/13 - Recent oil-pipeline spills have exposed weaknesses in the industry's best inspection tools, and the federal agency responsible for monitoring safety is stepping up research spending in an attempt to spot problems in pipes before they rupture. <http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304384104579139622764364390>

**Bloomberg - EBay, Ellison Embrace Microgrids in Threat to Utilities** - 10/17/13 - Microgrids are emerging as a credible threat to the dominance of America's 100-year-old-plus utility monopoly. The small-scale versions of centralized power systems are now gaining thousands of customers as homeowners in states with high power costs turn to them as a way to manage rooftop solar systems. <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-10-17/ebay-to-ellison-embrace-microgrids-in-threat-to-utilities.html>

**POWER Magazine - Experts Warn Utilities Need to Redefine Their Roles** - 10/17/13 - Utility roles are changing rapidly, and the utility of the future will need to be ready for a much more diversified, secure, and decentralized grid. That was one message at the Minnesota Utility Investors (MUI) 23rd Annual Meeting in Brooklyn Center, Minn., this week. <http://www.powermag.com/experts-warn-utilities-need-to-redefine-their-roles/>

**BNA - Farm Bureau Will Not Back Agreement To Link Crop Insurance to Conservation** - 10/18/13 - The American Farm Bureau Federation said it is no longer going to back an agreement to link crop insurance with conservation measures to protect highly erodible farmlands and sensitive wetlands in upcoming negotiations on the farm bill. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=37306346&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2n8z3b0&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37306346&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2n8z3b0&split=0)

**BNA - U.N. Agency Classifies Air Pollution, Particulate Matter as Lung Cancer Causes** - 10/18/13 - The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has classified outdoor air pollution and particulate matter as leading environmental causes of lung cancer deaths. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=37306370&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2p3j3e0&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37306370&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2p3j3e0&split=0)

**BNA - EPA Reopens After Shutdown Ends; Focus Moves to Budget Negotiations** - 10/18/13 - Federal employee unions and environmental groups shifted their focus to upcoming budget negotiations after President Barack Obama signed legislation to fund the government through Jan. 15 and end the government shutdown. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=37306361&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2n9p6m4&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37306361&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2n9p6m4&split=0)

**BNA - Supreme Court Ruling on Greenhouse Gas Permitting Could Affect Lower Court Cases** - 10/18/13 - The U.S. Supreme Court's decision to hear challenges to the Environmental Protection Agency's greenhouse gas permitting program could affect litigation pending in a federal appellate court as well. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=37306355&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2n9n4t0&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37306355&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2n9n4t0&split=0)

**BNA - Inspector General Urges EPA to Assess Utility of Watch List as Enforcement Tool** - 10/18/13 - An Environmental Protection Agency tool to help target enforcement actions has widely different uses between the regional and national headquarters, the agency's inspector general found. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=37306352&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2n9m0a8&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37306352&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2n9m0a8&split=0)

**BNA - General Framework for Safer Chemical Alternatives Attracts 100 Signatories** - 10/18/13 - More than 100 representatives of businesses, universities, governments and environmental groups have endorsed a set of principles to steer manufacturers and retailers away from hazardous chemicals and toward safer alternatives, the authors of the principles announced Oct. 17. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=37306377&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2p9n1x0&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=37306377&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2p9n1x0&split=0)

**Inside EPA - EPA's New SNUR Wins Praise For Narrow Definition Of Regulated 'Articles'** - 10/18/13 - Chemical industry representatives are welcoming the narrow definition of regulated "articles" that EPA used in its recently issued significant new use rule (SNUR) governing perfluorinated chemical. <http://insideepa.com/201310182450202/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epas-new-snur-wins-praise-for-narrow-definition-of-regulated-articles/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - Industry Questions Carbon, Non-Use Benefits Of Power Plant Effluent Rule** - 10/18/13 - Industry is echoing ongoing criticisms over EPA's use of the social cost of carbon (SCC) and willingness to pay (WTP) surveys to help calculate the benefits of its pending effluent limitation guidelines (ELG) for power plants. <http://insideepa.com/201310182450201/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/industry-questions-carbon-non-use-benefits-of-power-plant-effluent-rule/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - EPA Examines Hurdles To Green Infrastructure** - 10/18/13 - EPA is examining how to reduce impediments to the agency's efforts to promote the use of green infrastructure to limit pollution from stormwater, as part of a broader effort to bring a new approach to some of the agency's priorities. <http://insideepa.com/201310182450198/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/epa-examines-hurdles-to-green-infrastructure/menu-id-97.html>

**Inside EPA - Appellate Court Rejects Environmentalists' Bid To Halt Keystone's Gulf Leg** - 10/18/13 - A divided appeals court has upheld a lower court's denial of environmentalists' bid for an injunction to halt construction of the Gulf Coast portion of the Keystone XL pipeline. <http://cleanenergyreport.com/201310182450204/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/appellate-court-rejects-environmentalists-bid-to-halt-keystones-gulf-leg/menu-id-202.html>

**Inside EPA - API Threatens Suit To Force EPA Release Of 2014 RFS** - 10/17/13 - The American Petroleum Institute (API) is threatening to file a lawsuit against EPA if the agency fails to issue renewable fuel standard (RFS) blending volumes for 2014 "as quickly as possible." <http://insideepa.com/201310172450092/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/api-threatens-suit-to-force-epa-release-of-2014-rfs/menu-id-97.html>

**Inside EPA - D.C. Circuit Backs EPA Call To Hear Boiler, Incinerator Suits In One Panel** - 10/17/13 - The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit has granted EPA's request to have a single three-judge panel hear dozens of separate suits challenging its package of air and waste rules governing boilers and incinerators. <http://insideepa.com/201310172450157/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/dc-circuit-backs-epa-call-to-hear-boiler-incinerator-suits-in-one-panel/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - EPA Agrees To IG Call To Review Utility Of Enforcement 'Watch List'** - 10/17/13 - EPA is agreeing with an Inspector General (IG) recommendation to review the utility of its enforcement "Watch List" that tracks facilities alleged to have significant environmental law violations, following an IG report. <http://insideepa.com/201310172450158/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-agrees-to-ig-call-to-review-utility-of-enforcement-watch-list/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - EPA Monitoring, Enforcement Likely To Suffer Despite End Of Shutdown** - 10/17/13 - Key EPA activities including monitoring and enforcement are likely to suffer in the coming weeks despite the end of the government shutdown as employees scramble to conduct time-sensitive site inspections and respond to incidents. <http://insideepa.com/201310172450159/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-monitoring-enforcement-likely-to-suffer-despite-end-of-shutdown/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - House GOP Queries DOE On CCS Research** - 10/17/13 - House GOP lawmakers are pressing the Department of Energy (DOE) to explain how its research has contributed to the development of carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies. <http://cleanenergyreport.com/201310172450106/Clean-Energy-Report-Blog/Clean-Energy-Wire/house-gop-queries-doe-on-ccs-research/menu-id-204.html>

**Inside EPA - Refiners, Advanced Biofuels Groups Eye Plan To Boost Fuels' RFS Credit** - 10/17/13 - Refiners and advanced biofuel groups are seeking consensus on a legislative fix to boost so-called advanced biofuels by ramping up the credit the fuels receive under EPA's renewable fuel standard (RFS). <http://cleanenergyreport.com/201310172450023/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/refiners-advanced-biofuels-groups-eye-plan-to-boost-fuels-rfs-credit/menu-id-202.html>

**Press Releases:**

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

**Dyno Nobel Inc. to Pay \$257,167 for Clean Air Act and Risk Management Program Violations at Two Facilities in Missouri – 10/18/13 – Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364**

**Fact Sheets:**

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

**Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:**

\* New additions noted with an asterisk

**10/29-30/13** - SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference, Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

**11/14/13** – National Association of Farm Broadcasting Trade Talk, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

**11/14/13** – Interagency Environmental Leadership Council, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

**11/15/13** – R7 Senior Management Retreat, National Archives at Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

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**10/29-30/13** - SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference - Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

**10/31 –11/1/13** - Executive Management Council Meeting, Washington, DC Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

**11/14/13** – National Association of Farm Broadcasting Trade Talk, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

**RA/Immediate Office**

None

**Other Events****AWMD**

None

**CNSL**

None



**ECO/EJ**

**11/1/2013** – EJ Presentation at Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Althea Moses, 7649

**ENSV**

None

**PLMG**

None

**RA/OPA**

None

**SUPR**

None

**WWPD**

None

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